

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M No.41517 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 12.01.2016

Gurmeet Singh

..... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Harkeerat Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by HC Satinder Singh.

Complainant-Jasvir Singh in person.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked for having committed the offences punishable under Sections 379 and 411 of the Indian Penal Code, in a case arising out of FIR No.217 dated 09.09.2015, registered at Police Station, Sohana, District SAS Nagar (**Annexure P-1**)

On the last date of hearing, learned Counsel for the petitioner placed reliance on the order dated 1.12.2015 passed by this court in CRM No.M-40539 of 2015 (Balkar Chand VS. State of Punjab), whereby co-accused of the present petitioner has been granted the concession of interim anticipatory bail, while issuing notice of motion to Advocate General, Punjab, for 12.1.2016. He further submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated and the FIR came to be registered after an inordinate and unexplained delay of 7 months. He further submits that the petitioner has since joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is no longer required.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by HC Satinder Singh, concedes that the petitioner has joined the investigation.

In view of the above, interim pre-arrest bail granted by this Court, vide order dated 08.12.2015, is made absolute/confirmed.

Disposed of.

January 12, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**